

applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

7. The SCB device of claim 1, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises titanium, nickel and gold.

21. The SCB of claim 13, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises titanium, nickel and gold.

28. The method of claim 22, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises titanium, nickel and gold.

REMARKS

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserts that it is not clear whether the slashes that separate the elements titanium, nickel and gold are meant to represent an alternative or additive conjunction (and/or). Support for Claim 7 can be found on page 7, lines 14-15. The specification specifies, "...titanium, nickel and gold...", thus, the slashes are indicative of the conjunction "and". The claims have been amended accordingly.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 22, 23 and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,133,146, issued to Martinez-Tovar et al.